

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1374

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 7, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 419
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 419, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow neighborhood board members to attend meetings or presentations without violating the Sunshine Law, under certain conditions.

The Neighborhood Commission Office of the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board, Waikiki Neighborhood Board, and a handful of individuals provided testimony in support of this measure. The Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest, League of Women Voters, and two individuals provided testimony in opposition. The Office of Information Practices provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Restricting permitted interactions of neighborhood board members to meetings or presentations located on Oahu;
- (2) Restricting neighborhood board member interaction at meetings or presentations to asking questions of persons other than fellow board members only, preventing participation in discussion on any board business;

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- (3) Changing the measure's effective date to upon its approval; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 419, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 419, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



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